Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) 13 miles 2320 ft.

(*b*) 5 miles 3083 ft.

(*c*) 230 acres, 54 cents and 98 sq. links.

(*d*) Rs. 3,38,338-26-3.

(*e*) No. The member is referred to the answer given to question No. 121 (*c*).

(*f*) Rs. 4,14,500.

(*g*) About 12 lakhs of rupees.

(*h*) This is a matter for further action.

Amount allotted for irrigation in 1119.

123. ***Mr. A. N. Satyanesan** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount allotted for irrigation in 1119; and

(*b*) the amount spent in 1119?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) Rs. 5,23,941.

(*b*) The amount spent can be furnished only after closing the supplemental accounts.

Foot bridge on the Karumady-Thakazhy road.

124. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any foot bridge on the Karumady-Thakazhy road has given way and regular travel by the pedestrians such as school-going population has become difficult;

(*b*) how long is it that such a state has been continuing; and

(*c*) whether they received any report regarding it at any time; if so, when and what action has been taken on it?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) to (*c*) Repairs to the damages caused to the foot bridge towards the end of Kanni 1119 were completed by the end of Karkadagom 1119.

Bridge at Thevally.

125. ***Mr. M. K. Velu Pillai** (*Quilon* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether any representations were made to Government for the construction of a bridge at Thevally in Quilon town across Ashtamudy lake?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: Yes.

Chakkalain Mukku in Thalavady.

126. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chackalain Mukku in Thalavady is cut open;

(*b*) whether the work was started at any time;

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(*c*) if so, when was it started ;

(*d*) whether the work is completed ;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the negative, why it is delayed ;

(*f*) whether they are aware that the Thalavady river is useless for both navigation and agricultural purposes, when it has to be used by the agriculturists ; and

(*g*) whether they are aware that by the cutting open of the Chakkalain Mukku, the river will be useful to the public?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 1118 M. E.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) Due to non-acquisition of lands and the unwillingness of the owners to allow entry into the land before formal acquisition for carrying out the work.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) Yes.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know whether the Government are aware that the portion of the river from Edathua to Chakkalain Mukku is dried up and not even one foot deep?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: It is not dried up. But during certain seasons of the year there is not sufficient water for navigation. That is why the estimate has been sanctioned and work will be taken up immediately after the land is acquired.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Being a native of the place may I know whether even a small canoe can pass through this portion safely at this time of the year?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: Yes, small canoes can.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: Without any obstruction?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: Yes, without any obstruction.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: If the Government Officers are to make such statements against truth.....

President: You say that it is not correct?

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: I pass through that Canal very often.

President: The Chief Engineer will verify that.

Medical Officer at Chitticaud.

127. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any complaints against the Medical Officer at Chetticaud from a section of the people of that place ;

(*b*) if so, what is the nature of the complaints ; and

(*c*) whether any action has been taken on it ?

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